

EXAMINATION OF VA REGIONAL OFFICE DISABILITY CLAIMS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a hearing on Examination of VA Regional Office Disability Claims Quality Review Methods—Is VBA's Systematic Technical Accuracy Review (STAR) Making the Grade? Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Belinda J. Finn, Assistant Inspector General, Audits and Evaluations, Office of Inspector General; and Bradley G. Mayes, Director, Compensation and Pension Service, Veterans Benefits Administration; Daniel Bertoni, Director, Education, Workforce, and Security Issues, GAO; and representatives of veterans organizations.

EXCHANGE RATE OF CHINA AND ITS IMPACT ON U.S. AND GLOBAL ECONOMIES

Committee on Ways and Means: Held a hearing on the exchange rate policy of the Government of the People's Republic of China and its impact on the U.S. and global economies. Testimony was heard from C. Fred Bergsten, former Assistant Secretary, International Affairs, and former Under Secretary for Monetary Affairs, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

FBI AND DEA INTELLIGENCE BUDGET FY2011

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on FBI and DEA Intelligence Budgets for Fiscal Year 2011. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Justice: Art Cummings, Executive Assistant Director, National Security Branch; and Anthony Placido, Assistant Administrator and Chief of Intelligence, Drug Enforcement Administration.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D283)

H.R. 3590, an act entitled The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. Signed on March 23, 2010. (Public Law 111–148)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 25, 2010

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: to hold hearings to examine the President's fiscal year 2010 War Supplemental Request, 2 p.m., S–127, Capitol.

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on International Trade, Customs, and Global Competitiveness, to hold hearings to examine doubling United States exports, focusing on United States seaports, 1 p.m., SD–215.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold an oversight hearing to examine youth suicides and the need for mental health care resources in Indian country, 9:30 a.m., SD–628.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 2960, to exempt aliens who are admitted as refugees or granted asylum and are employed overseas by the Federal Government from the 1-year physical presence requirement for adjustment of status to that of aliens lawfully admitted for permanent residence, S. 2974, to establish the Return of Talent Program to allow aliens who are legally present in the United States to return temporarily to the country of citizenship of the alien if that country is engaged in post-conflict or natural disaster reconstruction, S. 1624, to amend title 11 of the United States Code, to provide protection for medical debt homeowners, to restore bankruptcy protections for individuals experiencing economic distress as caregivers to ill, injured, or disabled family members, and to exempt from means testing debtors whose financial problems were caused by serious medical problems, S. 3111, to establish the Commission on Freedom of Information Act Processing Delays, S. 3031, to authorize Drug Free Communities enhancement grants to address major emerging drug issues or local drug crises, and the nominations of Sharon Johnson Coleman, and Gary Scott Feinerman, both to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, William Joseph Martinez, to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado, and David A. Capp, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Indiana, Anne M. Thompkins, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of North Carolina, Peter Christopher Munoz, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Michigan, and Kelly McDade Nesbit, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of North Carolina, all of the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD–226.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on FY 2011 Budget for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services, 10 a.m., 2362A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies, on U.S. Patent and Trademark Office FY 2011 Budget Overview, 2 p.m., H–309 Capitol.